

Checklist for Meaningful Discussions

Participation

_____ Were your discussion board postings and replies completed on time?

_____ Did you reply to the content or ideas expressed by at least one other classmate?

Analysis and Interpretation

_____ Did you explain the relevance of your comments to the discussion?

_____ Did you apply one or more concepts from your readings with original analysis and interpretation?

_____ In your messages, did you add something in order to deepen the discussion? For example, did you share another viewpoint or add new information, an elaboration, a reflection, an insight, a question, or constructive feedback?

Scholarly Dialogue

_____ Did you go beyond undocumented opinions, feelings, impressions, or arguments by adding examples, sources, citations, and reasoning?

_____ Did you avoid personal attacks and stick with the issues in a respectful and professional style?

_____ For references, did you provide correct and complete citations?

_____ Did you express ideas clearly with: (1) correct word choice, (2) correct spelling, (3) correct grammar, and (4) conversational or formal writing style appropriate to the tone of the discussion, or according to the directions for the discussion?

Writing Skill

_____ For the initial response, did you meet the required word count of at least 250 -350 words?

_____ Was your posting free from grammatical and spelling errors?